

of testing and training that has occurred to date.¹⁰

Therefore, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to extend the Pilot through March 24, 2006.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹² in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is also designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1) of the Act¹³ in that it seeks to assure economically efficient execution of securities transactions, make it practicable for brokers to execute investors' orders in the best market, and provide an opportunity for investors' orders to be executed without the participation of a dealer.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; does not impose any significant burden on competition; and by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the

Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁵

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁶ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day operative delay and designate the proposed rule change immediately operative upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would allow the Pilot to continue without interruption. Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁷

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2006-21 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission,

100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-21. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-21 and should be submitted on or before April 11, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection package included in this notice is for approval of a new information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information;

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁰ See Telephone conversation between Jeffrey Rosenstock, Principal Rule Counsel, NYSE, and Steve L. Kuan, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, on March 14, 2006.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁷ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400, E-mail: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collection listed below has been submitted to OMB for

clearance. Your comments on the information collection would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

Redetermination of Eligibility for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—0960-NEW. Under the aegis of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173), SSA will conduct low-income subsidy eligibility redeterminations for Medicare beneficiaries who filed for the subsidy and were determined by SSA to be eligible. Subsidy eligibility redeterminations will be conducted when: (1) Medicare Part D subsidy beneficiaries use form SSA-1026-REDE to report a change in income, resources,

or household information in response to SSA's inquiry via form SSA-L1026 and (2) Medicare Part D subsidy beneficiaries use form SSA-1026-SCE to report a subsidy-changing event which could potentially impact the amount of their subsidy, including marriage, separation, divorce/annulment, or spousal death. The respondents are current recipients of the Medicare Part D low-income subsidy who will undergo an eligibility redetermination for one of the reasons mentioned above.

Following is a description of the forms in this collection, the number of respondents who will complete them, and their burden data.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Form	Explanation	Number of respondents	Frequency of response (per year)	Average burden per response (completion time; expressed in minutes)	Estimated annual burden (expressed in hours)
SSA-L1026	Passive redetermination letter informing Medicare Part D subsidy recipients what income, resource, and household information SSA has on file for them, and asking if this information has changed.	1.5 million	1	5	125,000
SSA-1026-REDE	Redetermination form completed by Medicare Part D subsidy recipients who said their income, resource, or household information had changed in their response to form SSA-L1026.	300,000	1	20	100,000
SSA-1026-SCE ...	Beginning in 2007, this form will also be used as a cyclical redetermination form to be completed by Medicare Part D subsidy recipients who are automatically sent the form based on certain profile/selection criteria. Redetermination form completed by Medicare Part D subsidy recipients who called SSA to inform them of an event which is potentially subsidy-changing (marriage, divorce, annulment, legal separation, spousal death). This form, which is identical to form SSA-1026-RE but has a different cover sheet, will replace form OMB No. 0960-0703 (SSA-1020-SC).	76,000	1	20	25,333
Total	1,876,000	250,333

Dated: March 16, 2006.

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Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5258]

**Bureau of Political-Military Affairs:
Directorate of Defense Trade Controls:
Renewal of Defense Trade Advisory
Group Charter**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Charter of the Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) has been renewed for a two-year period. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.